

MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 16 FEBRUARY 1960

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PRESENT: [REDACTED]

1. New Work

a. D/GC

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Current work includes the [REDACTED] information) and CIA Budget Charts. The project for [REDACTED] 25X1A9a will require a lot of overtime.

2. Travel Plans

a. D/GC

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25X1A9a [REDACTED] trip to Warsaw and Prague has been approved. [REDACTED] are going to assist with a training program at [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

b. D/GG

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Approval has been requested for [REDACTED] proposed area familiarization trip to the Far East.

c. D/GL

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[REDACTED] has returned from his tour at Copenhagen and is back on duty at the office.

3. Significant Conversations and Contacts

a. Cover for the Weekly and Monthly Map Acquisitions Lists

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25X1A9a [REDACTED] to discuss possible covers for the Map Acquisitions Lists issued by D/GL; none of those suggested seemed acceptable to [REDACTED] urged that we adopt the standard brown cover used for other ORR publications.

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b. [REDACTED] Materials

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[REDACTED] 25X1A5a1 reported on a communication received from the OO 25X1A5a1 Office concerning [REDACTED] research materials on West China. [REDACTED] is presently residing in Honolulu, where he was interviewed by OO. The information is mostly in the form of diaries, which [REDACTED] 25X1A5a1 will make available to us in return for typed copies of the material. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a will discuss this further with [REDACTED] before any action is taken.

4. Problems

a. County Fair Exhibit

It was recommended in one of the branch monthly reports that the ORR exhibit at the "County Fair" be put in better shape before the next presentation. [REDACTED] look into 25X1A9a this and see that necessary action be taken to remedy any deficiency.

b. Hand-drawn Maps

25X1A9 [REDACTED] brought up the fact that for many "quickie" jobs requiring hand-drawn maps, more copies are required for files than for the filling of the actual request.

5. FY 1961 Budget Funds

a. Travel

Some funds are available for legitimate travel starting before 30 June 1960.

b. External Research

If there is any external research we really need to have done, there are funds available providing the contract is signed before 30 June 1960. [REDACTED] reported that they are already 25X1A9a looking into several possibilities; [REDACTED] will investigate the 25X1A9a possibility of utilizing external research help for [REDACTED] 25X1A9a operations.

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6. Forthcoming Visit of [REDACTED]

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An agenda will be worked up shortly by SA/RR for [REDACTED] visit to Washington in late March. [REDACTED] asked that the divisions inform him of anything they would like to discuss with [REDACTED] 25X1C8c

7. Coverage of Special Center Room

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[REDACTED] reported that a schedule has been set up to have D/GG Intelligence Assistants cover the Special Center Room each afternoon.

8. Foreign Trip Reports

The DD/I's office is no longer interested in seeing all foreign trip reports -- only the "significant" ones. However, it is still important that these reports be submitted on time. Also, they should continue to be addressed as in the past and the same number of copies supplied to the AD/RR (but without showing distribution on any of the copies).

9. Cuban Project

25X1A9a a. Cuban Mapping Contract

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██████████ reported on a conversation with ██████████ of the General Counsel's office, in which ██████████ questioned the legality of the Mapping Contract in behalf of AMS. The final decision has not yet been made. 25X1A9a

b. Cuban Urban Centers Project

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██████████ inquired about the progress on the Cuban Urban Centers Project which has been requested of Col. Haberer of ACSI. ██████████ stated that, as of last Thursday, ██████████ was "working on it". 25X1A9a

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██████████ reported that the space provided D/GL at Vital Storage was entirely satisfactory to him.

11. Geographic Attache Post in Northern Europe

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██████████ reported that Copenhagen will remain the GA post in Northern Europe; Stockholm has been turned down as a replacement for Copenhagen.

12. East German Maps

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██████████ reported that about 90 East German maps have been picked up by the Army in Berlin.

13. Editing of D/GG Reports

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In response to questions raised by ██████████ stated that all D/GG production must be edited by D/GG editors.